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Early week prices in New York were higher. Elsewhere, weekly prices were mostly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. As the week progressed prices in New York advanced sharply on all sizes. The market tone remained firm. Demand at retail outlets was moderate to very good, best where severe winter weather conditions were a factor. Supplies were barely sufficient to very short. Breaking stock as well as checks and undergrades' prices were higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate as producers hold with confidence. Demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules mostly full-time to instances over-time. Trade sentiment firm. Light type fowl prices ranged unchanged with majority values lower. Offerings were reported as unavailable to unsettled. Removal prices were steady at 0 to 12.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate as producers hold with confidence. Demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules mostly full-time to instances over-time. Trade sentiment firm.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	86-95	90-92
LARGE	86-94	88-91
MEDIUM	69-75	72-74

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes continued to trend sharply higher. The market tone remained in a firm position. Demand ranged moderate to very good, best where forecasts of cold and snow stimulated additional interest. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Breaking stock offerings ranged adequate to short for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for slaughter requirements.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	71-86	76-78

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 09, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.50	96.00	75.50
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	75.00
MIDWEST	91.00	89.50	71.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	97.50	77.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.16	94.98	74.88

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	01-13-04	01-06-04	01-14-03
Large	70-77	69-76	40-44
Medium	53-57	50-54	26-30

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JAN 12, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

				No	So	So	5-Area
				Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	13.9	5.4	11.3	9.7	48.1
	Change	0.4	-3.7	-1.5	-0.3	-2.2	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.4	31.3	13.2	19.3	24.4	106.6
	Change	-0.6	-13.8	-0.4	-2.3	-2.6	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	36.0	98.5	69.5	83.1	64.9	352.0
	Change	-6.6	-16.7	-8.8	6.3	-24.7	-13%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.5	35.6	14.0	22.3	30.7	113.1
	Change	-2.7	-7.2	0.7	-5.3	0.5	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	4.8	5.9	4.2	4.6	22.9
	Change	-0.8	-0.3	1.5	0.3	-1.7	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	27.6	9.5	19.5	7.8	69.6
	Change	0.3	-1.0	-1.4	-0.6	0.8	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.1	53.5	15.2	28.9	28.6	143.3
	Change	-9.9	-3.7	-0.6	-4.0	-6.8	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	98.4	265.2	132.7	188.6	170.7	855.6
Percent	Change	-17%	-15%	-7%	-3%	-18%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	855.6	-12%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	299.0	-3%	36
Total Shell Egg	1154.6	-10%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 10-JAN-04**

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,166,377	28,442	10,665	6,011	2,826	4,157
PW	1,023,841	24,594	9,555	5,050	2,574	*3,643*
LY	1,212,923	27,997	11,648	6,547	2,884	4,449
% CHG PW	14	16	12	19	10	14
% CHG LY	-4	2	-8	-8	-2	-7
2003	1,166,377	28,442	10,665	6,011	2,826	4,157
2002	1,212,923	27,997	11,648	6,547	2,884	4,449
% CHG YTD	-4	2	-8	-8	-2	-7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.25	41.84	41.75
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.68	38.29	38.08

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Jan 03	Jan 10	Jan 03	Jan 10
	Thousand			
AL	29,693	29,586	21,775	21,719
AR	30,893	31,084	24,457	24,747
DE	3,678	3,749	4,201	4,467
FL	1,329	1,348	1,736	1,622
GA	33,440	32,700	*26,469	24,882
KY	*6,626	6,586	*5,885	5,715
LA	3,588	3,608	3,802	3,823
MD	8,858	8,869	6,470	6,113
MS	19,073	19,115	16,528	16,012
NC	17,861	18,192	14,162	14,017
OK	6,263	6,394	5,505	4,995
PA	*3,754	3,774	*2,523	2,592
SC	3,659	3,690	3,776	4,437
TX	*14,328	14,695	11,457	11,982
VA	6,220	6,273	5,386	4,981
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,083	16,873	*14,198	14,893
19 State Total	*206,346	206,536	*168,330	166,997
Previous Year Total	204,119	203,492	164,413	162,132
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	102	103

* Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 20-Feb-04 is estimated at 154.4 million head. This compares to 154.6 million head the previous week and to 153.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.26 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/08/04-01/14/04

CURRENT LDS 84.00 FUTURE LDS 89.00 TOTAL LDS 173.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	77.40	85.88	79.60	80.73	79.80	75.00	60.00
GNR W 2	74.00	—	—	76.00	—	62.00	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	56.00	57.00	56.00	54.50	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	102.43	—	—	—	—	2.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	80.50	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	92.53	90.92	92.43	91.18	86.00	45.50
GL W LG	—	93.17	88.25	99.05	89.17	84.00	47.50
GL W MD	71.53	73.33	68.50	74.50	70.25	68.50	27.00
GL W SM	50.00	—	51.14	52.36	46.00	48.00	3.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	118.00	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	67.00	10.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 10-Jan-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.6	25.3	5	12
BOSTON	3.4	4.1	-17	-11
CHICAGO	75.4	66.7	13	39
DETROIT	38.6	32.9	17	25
KANSAS CITY	10.1	4.5	124	130
LOS ANGELES	97.2	97.1	0	-1
NEW ORLEANS	8.4	9.7	-13	-31
NEW YORK	29.3	31.3	-6	-14
ST. LOUIS	20.1	18.5	9	18
SAN FRANCISCO	25.2	24.0	5	1
TOTAL	334.3	314.1	6	10
4 WK MVG AVG	325.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 10-Jan-2004

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	1,659	2,403	67	5
AVG WT	16.10	38.03	24.97	34.38
LAST WEEK	1,347	1,786	17	13
SAME WK YR AGO	1,774	2,609	76	19
AVG WT	15.24	38.76	26.55	29.20
TO-DATE/2004	1,659	2,403	67	5
TO-DATE/2003	1,774	2,609	76	19

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 10-Jan-2004

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	LIVE WT
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-		
N EAST	863	26	22.61	(A)	864	22.61
SATL	745	55	31.62	(A)	746	31.62
N CENT	1,732	36	33.46	(A)	1,733	33.46
S CENT	513	7	21.32	(A)	514	21.32
WEST	276	22	28.29	(A)	277	28.29
U.S. TOTAL	4,129 (B)	31	29.01	5	4,134	29.01
TO-DATE						
2004	4,129 (B)			5	4,134	
TO-DATE						
2003	4,459 (B)			19	4,478	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 67,000 for the year 67,000; last year to date 76,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 10-Jan-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570	457
AVG WT	5.17	3.43	8.08	5.80	6.84
LAST WEEK	134,816	1,118	898	2,016	413
SAME WK YR AGO	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149	421
AVG WT	5.11	3.32	7.75	5.36	6.81
TO-DATE/2004	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570	457
TO-DATE/2003	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149	421

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.8 million head or 9.7 million head more than or 106% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-04

CLASS	Current Week 01/17/04(1)	Previous Week 01/10/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	162,400(2)	156,475
LT HENS	1,664	1,310
HVY HENS	1,322	1,482
TOTAL	165,386	159,267

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Jan-04 is 156.3 million head compared to 155.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.7 million head or 6.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Jan-04 the estimated available is 157.4 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 6	156.8	150.2	104%	5.45
13	155.4	150.2	103%	5.23
20	156.3	147.8	106%	5.34
27	114.4	145.8	78%	5.22
JANUARY 3	136.5	147.1	93%	5.15
10	160.8	151.1	106%	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	160.8	151.1	106%	
JANUARY 17		156.3		
24		157.4		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 01/12/04-01/16/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	60.00-63.00	63.49	38	64.85	75
Los Angeles	74.00	72.92	62	71.05	148
New York	67.00-69.00	67.58	24	66.99	55

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	5-Jan-04	5-Jan-04	13-Jan-03
12-Jan-04	67.70	1.95	61.89
NUMBER OF LOADS	634		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	63	63.00	100
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	58-60	60	60.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 01/12/04	3,196	124,766	43,000
AM 01/01/04	3,162	119,108	43,610
CHG	34	5658	-610
PCT CHG	1%	5%	-1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 12-Jan-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.67
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.85

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 09-Jan-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

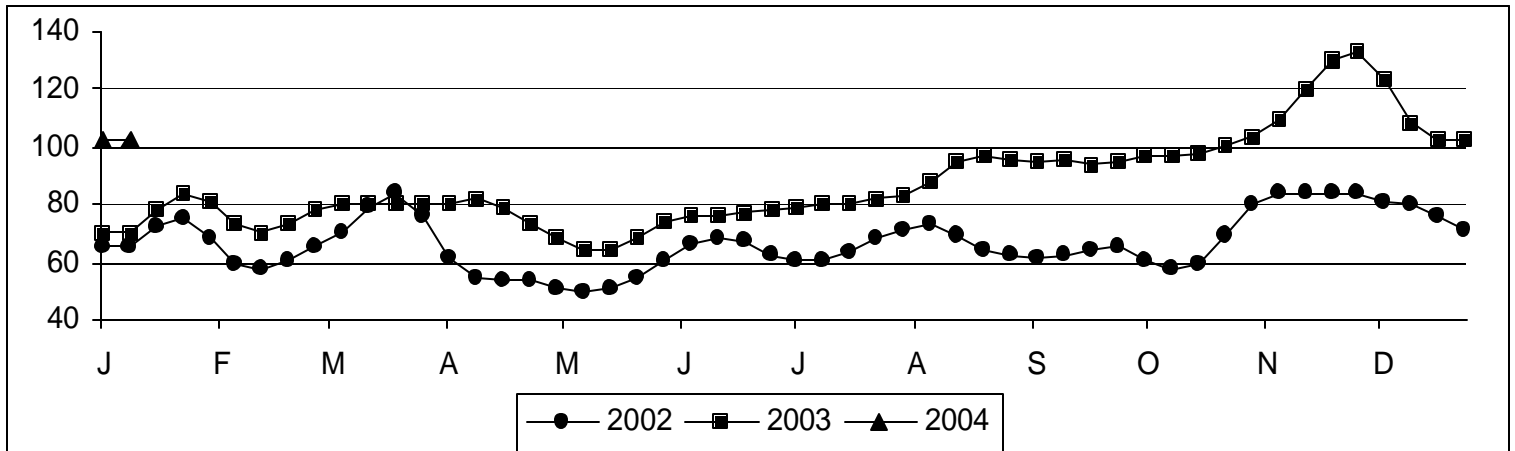
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-12.5	3-7.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

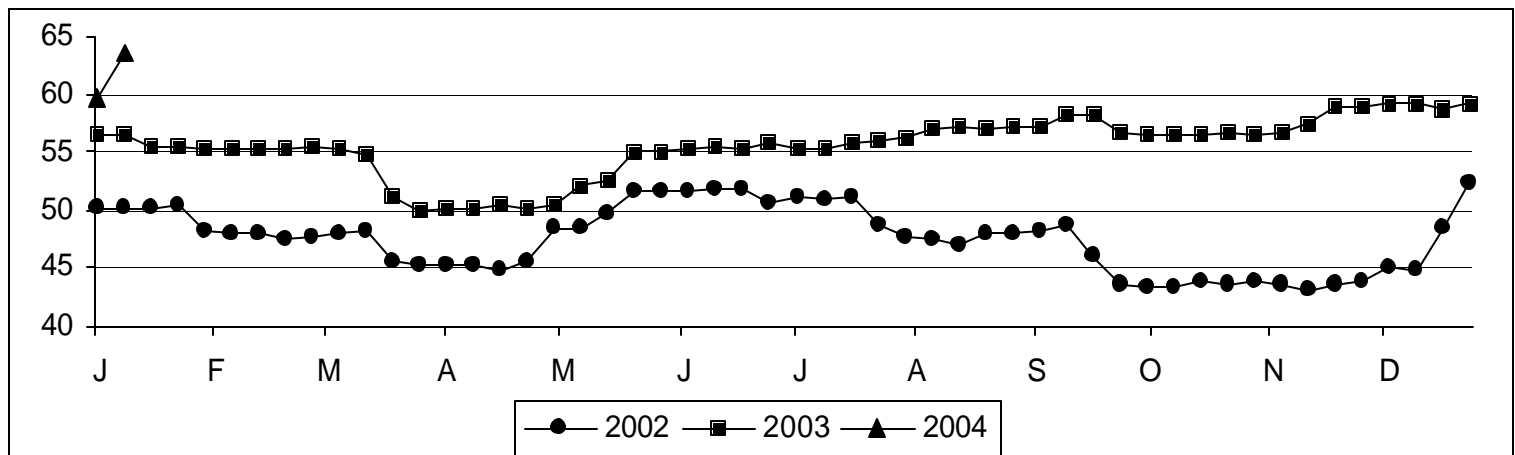
W/E 10-Jan-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.1	0	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	547.8	4	2
W.N. CENTRAL	289.8	6	0
S. ATLANTIC	174.7	-3	-1
S. CENTRAL	109.6	0	36
WEST	184.6	2	-7
TOTAL	1523.6	2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

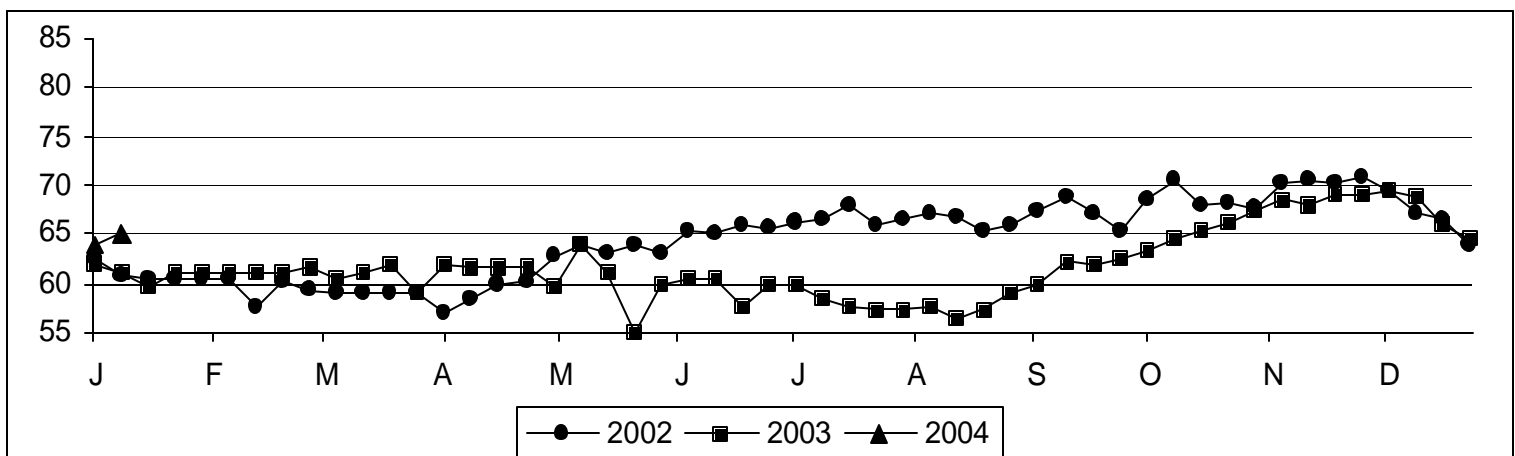
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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